

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1280 - SB 1334

March 17, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds two appointed members to the State Board of Education (SBOE). Revises appointment procedures such that the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Speaker of the Senate shall each appoint three members, one from each Grand Division. One non-voting public high school student shall be appointed by the Governor. The Executive Director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member. Each appointed member, except for the public high school student, shall be confirmed by the Education Committees of the General Assembly and by joint resolution of the General Assembly. Appointments made when the General Assembly is not in session shall be confirmed no later than 60 days after the General Assembly reconvenes. Requires all SBOE members appointed prior to February 15, 2014, to vacate their positions and be replaced by new appointees. Members appointed by the Governor shall serve initially three-year terms; appointees of the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall initially serve four-year terms; and the appointees of the Speaker of the Senate shall initially serve five-year terms. As initial terms expire, members may be appointed to serve one additional five-year term; however, no person shall serve more than 10 consecutive years. Such provisions shall not apply to the public high school student, who shall serve a one-year term. Terms of office shall be calculated beginning on February 15, 2014. Requires appointing authorities to strive to ensure that members of the SBOE are diverse in professional and educational background, ethnicity, race, gender, heritage, perspective, and experience. Requires the Governor to appoint at least one member who is a public kindergarten teacher. Prohibits any other member from being an employee of the federal, state, or local government. Members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses. The SBOE shall meet at least quarterly. Requires SBOE meetings to be live-streamed on the Internet and archived for public viewing.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$6,000/FY14-15 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- According to the SBOE, members' travel and per diem averages \$750 per member per meeting. Each member receives approximately \$3,000 annually. The increase in state expenditures beginning in FY14-15 for two additional appointed members is estimated to be \$6,000 (\$3,000 x 2).
- Appointments and confirmation hearings will be accomplished in the normal course of business and when the General Assembly is convened. Any increase in state expenditures for this purpose is estimated to be not significant.

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- Any increase in state expenditures for additional meeting materials is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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